GUIDE TO THE FA8 BAMBARA FILE

/The FA8 Bambara file consists of four sources, all of which are translations from the French. 1:Dieterlen, an ethnologist, is an extended discussion of Bambara religion, cults, and associated practices. 2:Monteil, a government official, is a thorough discussion of two large Bambara groups, being concerned mainly with their history, religion, and cult groups. 3:Paques, a social scientist, is an ethnographic survey volume based mainly on the literature and containing much material not found in the other sources in this file. 4:Henry, a Roman Catholic missionary, is an account of the "mental" side of the Bambara, i.e., their religion, ethical system, and social organization, although data on the latter are rather skimpy.

This file is strong on data relating to history, religion, and non-material culture in general. The information on other cultural categories is complete enough to make the file adequate for cross-cultural purposes, though specific detailed information is lacking on many aspects of material culture.

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